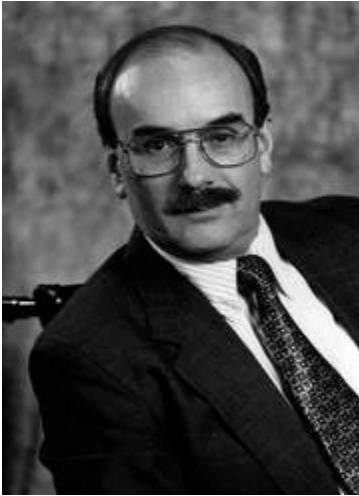


**In Remembrance of the Honorable Paul Stewart Hickman  
April 23, 1944 to October 21, 2010**



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The Honorable Judge Paul Stewart Hickman passed away early this morning with his two adoring daughters at his side. His passing was the result of a medically caused vehicle accident which occurred on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010. No other person was injured in this incident.

Judge Hickman led an exemplary and selfless life and was an inspiration to many people from diverse walks of life. He will always be remembered for his many gifts and talents, all of which he chose to share with others. He labored with those high in authority and worked hand in hand compassionately with the least fortunate in society. He saw the value in all people.

The Judge's calm and patient disposition allowed him to quietly listen to others and collect his thoughts before speaking. When he chose to speak, he did so strategically, with carefully chosen words. He had a gift for summarizing complex concepts in just a few words, what took others paragraphs to say. His polished demeanor gained him reverence and respect. When the Judge spoke, he spoke gently and people paused and listened intently.

Judge Hickman grew up in Reno, Nevada and graduated from Reno High School, the University of Nevada, Reno and the Mc George School of Law.

Paul was a musician with the ability to conduct music, play the French horn and the piano at a concert level. He was especially fascinated with classical music and it was a meaningful part of his life. In fact, he taught Music at the University of Kansas at Topeka.

In his mid-thirties he survived a brutal vehicle accident which left him paralyzed. He was bound to a wheelchair from that point forward. The Judge shifted his energy to developing new talents. He was intrigued with the law and set a goal to attend law school. This was a formidable challenge as it required a great deal of writing, which was next to impossible with his physical condition. Paul never backed down from a challenge and created a way to be successful in this endeavor. He would tape record hours and hours of classroom lectures and memorize the law and its sophisticated concepts. While others would take detailed notes and review them over and over again before exams, he would rely solely on his memory. He loved the law and made it a mission in his life. He made what physically paralyzed him and threatened to limit his life—a vehicle accident—into an opportunity for his eventual career, that of a Judge dealing with largely traffic safety cases. He undoubtedly saved many lives over the course of his career through his efforts.

Out of law school, he had the unique opportunity to serve as a law clerk for the Honorable Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court, Charles E. Springer. He then moved on to practice as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Reno.

In 1991, Judge Hickman was appointed to the Reno Municipal Court bench by a Judicial Selection Committee. Since that time, Judge Hickman was re-elected four times without opposition and successfully served the community for nineteen years. He was the recipient of the Distinguished Jurist Award from the Nevada Supreme Court and National Judicial College for exceptional study and accomplishment in the field of continuing legal education.

Most recently Judge Hickman was the recipient of a highly coveted grant of almost one million dollars. His plan was to establish a co-occurring disorder court program to provide treatment, employment and supervision to individuals in the Criminal Justice System who suffer from mental health and substance abuse disorders. The Judge was extremely excited about this project and considered it a pinnacle moment in his career to have the means to serve the community in this way.

Judge Hickman was an active board member of the Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living and also dedicated many years to High Sierra Industries.

The Judge was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and donated his time and talents in many voluntary ecclesiastical roles.

He delighted in Chinese food and in fact often said, "If there were only one kind of food left on earth to eat, I would choose Chinese food because of its wide variety."

He built a wonderful garden which overlooked the city and was equipped with paths he could take in his motorized wheelchair. He had also installed elevated and potted flowers and plants which he could water and trim from his wheelchair.

Judge Hickman loved his faithful companions, three large, but gentle mastiffs, Daphne, Leo and Lily.

Of all the things he accomplished, fulfilling the role of a faithful and loving father and grandfather was his greatest. He considered these titles the most sacred of all and cherished his family relationships. His belief was that family relationships are eternal and will not disintegrate with death. His daughters asked that it be mentioned, once again, that he passed in their presence and that they love him very, very much.